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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 & 1.98

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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application,
this information disclosure statement is being submitted with
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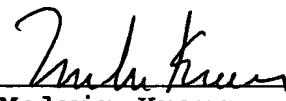
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